Notes and Jottings.

In our last we left our readers at Auburn, Illinois, ready to hear from our labors with the dear brethren in this church. We commenced preaching on Saturday eve prior to the election—a very poor time. At first our congregations were small. There seemed to be a general disposition on the part of the male element, at least, to disobey Matth. 22 : 21, although we asked them to turn from Ceasar's interest but for one hour out of each day. However, after the election God's service received more attention, and as a result the tide began to rise. By Sabbath eve six among the best of Auburn's society had cast their lot with the people of God. Sunday was a pleasant day and as we assembled at the waterside where prayer was made, the beautiful sunshine blended with this baptismal scene gave it the appearance of Mount Tabor in the primitive days, coming down to Jordan, and we just felt like Peter. (Luke 9 : 32.) From the congregation in the evening we were led to believe many more felt preludes in the soul of joys to come. A glorious meeting was expected, but after evening services we had to bid farewell, having been summoned home in consequence of our sister's sickness who is visiting with us, from Pennsylvania. It was with reluctance we left, but such is life. Our stay here of one week was a very pleasant one. We visited with brethren Chas. Poley, Josiah Kimmel, J. Beechley, L. Beechly, B. Foster, and D. Kimmel's ; a minister in the German Baptist church. Our visit with him was a pleasant one. He said, during our interview, "it pained him much to see his children come to us, but he would not be hostile to them." This we think commendable and it would be worthy of imitation. Our interview with old sister Poley was a pleasant epoch in this meeting. She was visiting with her son, brother Isaac, in Clariden, Iowa, when our meetings began. She had given brother Charles, with whom she resides, orders that in case I came to write her at once. This was done on Saturday evening and by Monday she was with us to dine. It does us so much good to talk with the aged saints, whose delight is in the law of the Lord. Sister Poley is seventy years old, but seems possessed with all the vigor of mind that young persons enjoy. She enjoys the services in the sanctuary above all that earth can yield.

I omitted to say in my former correspondence that I was with the Brethren in Hocking county, Ohio, October 25th, during a communion. It was a pleasant meeting. In this church we expect a good work in time to come. They have at the helm a class of progressive Christians in the fullest sense. Such as Hufford, Kistler, Berrys, Palmers and others. They appreciate the truthfulness of the hymn :

"Work for the night is coming."

Health of self and sister is now good, and we hope the future will be better than the past six months. A mighty work is to be done and we feel its import.

On our way home, in Indiana, we received mail telling that health at home was better, we then raised our banner in Indiana. Held five meetings, then received word that father had come from Pennsylvania to visit ; consequently went home where we are and shall remain a few days.

R. F. MALLOTT.

North Liberty, Ohio.

College Notes.

The Reporter has had such a press of other business that he has not been able to write even a few notes.

"The Solid Six" is not a very modest name for a company of young ladies. Wonder how it came about ?

The "Normal" class will give their orations at chapel on different mornings instead of having an entertainment as was formerly intended.

Now that Cleveland is elected it is to be hoped that the boys will cease to be excited by politics.

The Sunday afternoon prayer-meeting is still increasing in interest, though more slowly than the sanguine ones hoped. Brother Holsinger was with us at the last meeting. (Nov. 23,) and his touching admonitions brought tears to many eyes.

Brother Perry says his class in U. S. History has increased to unexpected proportions. No doubt he wishes for such a class in German.

Prof. Hixson's Sunday School class is taken a regular course in Old Testament History.

Prof. Ward promises a musical entertainment some time in the future.

Thanksgiving services at the College this year. Prof. Ward has charge of the music for the occasion.

REPORTER.

Trip to W. Virginia.

In company with brother Jacob Musser, of Berlin, left Meyersdale on night of November 6th, and by noon we found ourselves comfortably situated in the house of Dr. Musser, (Jacob's brother) W. Va., Lewis county, near Jane Lew. On Saturday morning we met together for public worship, a fair congregation gathered and we tried to preach ; but it seemed so strange to us that we should be called to this place to preach. No division was ever forced here, and we felt as though we should tell the brethren our services might be the means of making annual meeting trouble enough to send a committee of five and scatter their little flock. But we soon learned that they are all Gospel brethren and sisters, and have no use for any of the traditions of men. Had our communion services on Saturday evening. The house was crowded and good order prevailed ; about twenty-five communed. Their membership is very small, but they are earnest and zealous workers. Preached for them Sunday morning and evening and Monday evening. Our trip was a very enjoyable one.

A large field of labor is open through this country. There were present at our meeting four or five brethren who had come thirty miles, and among them was —— Fitzgerald, brother to J. W. Fitzgerald, formerly of Ohio. We learned from these brethren that the laborers are indeed few, but the harvest great. Brother Pamplin labors for some of these churches, and is a very faithful servant in the Master's cause. He is loved by all. Here is room for home missionary work. Ministering brethren everywhere should be willing to make some sacrifice to visit such places. The cause demands it. Churches having a hired ministry should grant him six or eight weeks every year to do evangelistic work. In this way places without ministers could be served and the cause of Jesus greatly advanced. *Work* is the one great thing needful now. We have quarrelled long enough about trifles, little things about which the Bible is silent ; now let us take up the great truths of God's word and put them in practice. Success is awaiting us, if we sieze the opportunity. Gospel-alone preaching always *did* succeed, and it will yet, but we must keep it unadulterated by man's gospel. People are as hungry for pure Gospel as they are for pure articles of food ; and that Gospel we have ; our duty is to present it to the people in its purity. The world does a great deal of counterfeiting in these days. Adulterated food, impure diet, has caused sickness and death ; so has the Gospel mixed with man's poisonous ingredients, caused spiritual disease and death. Get people to grasp the first truths of Christianity and feed upon it, and they will grow into a noble, pure and perfect Christian character, which, after all, is the end of the religion of Jesus.

A. D. GNAGEY.

Meyersdale, Pa.

From Lanark, Illinois.

On November 19th, we dedicated our new church. Brother S. H. Bashor conducted the services, creditable to himself and the cause of pure Christianity. The house was well filled with good earnest listeners, and a few could not be seated. Brother Bashor continued the meetings until Friday evening, when he left for Waterloo, Iowa, to fill his regular appointments. We continned the meetings until Monday evening, when brother Bashor again returned, and continued until Friday evening, when we had a communion. About 60 members communed.

In all we had nearly two weeks meetings, during which thirty-three were added to the church, making our number sixty-three.

We surely feel under many obligations to the Waterloo brethren and brother Bashor for taking pity on us and coming to our relief, certainly, brethren, you have been amply repaid for your sacrifice, for when we prosper you feel encouraged, and when you prosper we rejoice. "We *ought* to be workers together with God," and you may rest assured that the Bethleham brethren and sisters *do* rejoice. A short time ago we were a lonely little band of thirty members, sometimes worshiping in the old church, and sometimes in the school house, and no permanent place of worship. Besides this, some of our former brethren and sisters were using all their powers to crush us as a people, and destroy our influence ; and now to have a comfortable little church of our own and to see our small number increased from thirty to sixty-three, is enough to make *anyone* leap for joy. The members enjoyed the communion services very much. And we hope they were all strengthened and brought nearer the blessed Jesus. Brethren, remember us in your prayers.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

Lanark, Ill.

Kansas Jottings.

The wind this morning, Nov. 19, is blowing from the Northeast, and the temperature has changed materially from its summer heat of yesterday, and we are enjoying ourselves, while it is raining, in doors. The thought occured to me that probably a few lines from us would not be amiss.

Our feast at "Dry Wood," Bourbon county, Kansas, was a success, and quite an enjoyable meeting. Elder Jos. Michaels, of Lawrence, Kanses, was with us, and his labors were appreciated by all. His worth is not easily over estimated. His years of experience with the German Baptist's fit him ably for meeting the present apostacy. The meeting continued from the evening of the 17th, over Lord's Day. On Monday, the 20th, we met in a business meeting at the house of brother Given's. Brother M. D. Watson, was ordained to the Eldership, and Joseph Ruble, choson to the Ministry. The latter came over from the German Baptists but recently. We must say that the power of annual meeting is entirely broken in Southeast Kansas. Conservatives unite with progressives and "*vice versa*" without being visited or in anywise molested. German Baptist ministers visit the families of the Brethren, and encourage the wearing of the "female hat," and in toto deny "the Uniformity in non-conformity" doctrine of the Church as expounded by annual meeting." See article in a recent number of the Gospel Messenger over the signature of J. B. Lair, to whom we especially refer.

We feel to rejoice that the arbitrary and unreasonable rulings that have consigned so many to the world as "heathens and publicans," are so nearly at an end. This reform was the primary object of progression, and if policy on the part of the annual meeting wing compels it we feel to say Amen, to it. Liberty to think, act and judge, subject only to the Gospel of Christ, for one's self, is the tolerance we ask, nothing more, and anything short of this, God helping us, we propose to oppose. We need assistance in the ministry in this part of Kansas. Who will come over and help us? The fields are ripe unto harvest, but the laborers are few. Any information sought will be cheerfully given whether regarding country or church privileges.

A. J. HIXSON.

Montana City, Kans.

THAT CONVENTION.

Some time ago brother Holsinger made a motion that we have a convention in the near future. I believe no one has seconded this motion, and as it would be out of order to put the question unless some one does, I will second it.

I believe it is quite necessary we should have one, and as soon as possible. We should be more permanently and systematically organized to do effective work. We are working too much under the old, that is, the German Baptist system, to succeed well. Under this system many churches are without a minister, while others have from three to four. All will agree that this should not be so. Then what is to be done ? Call a convention, where we may adopt a system by which all churches may be supplied with a minister and also every minister given a charge.

Now, brother Chairman, the motion has been made and seconded, and after hearing such other remarks as the brethren feel like making, we think it would be in order to put the question.

DANIEL CROFFORD.

Johnstown, Pa.

A Bundle of Mistakes.

I am an invalid, nervous, suffering and must drag my pen as best meets my physical convenience. This makes my chirography at times almost illegible. And moreover the obscure thought may render the compositor somewhat heedless about the letter. So we will try and share the blame between us.

In No. 45, in "Siftings Sifted," in 6th line from bottom, for *step* read SLIP. In 3rd column, near the middle, 39th line from top, for *confirmed* read CONFORMED. Nine lines further down, before *quality* place THE instead of *its*. In 29th line from close, between *was* and *of* insert IT. Six lines further on, curtail *objection* to OBJECT. Three lines in advance, for *fire* read FIVE.

"Charity hideth a multitude of sins."

C. H. BALSBAUGH.

From Brother Swihart,

DEAR EVANGELIST; Please say that my address until further notice, will be Harrisonburg, Rockingham county, Va.

Arrived here on the evening of the 14th instant, and joined the Brethren in their well-begun work, on the evening of the 15th. The Lord is smiling on us. Baptizing to-day.

J. H. SWIHART.

Nov. 19.

Who Will Work the Field ?

I left our home (Morrill, Kansas) and came to this place and commenced meeting on the evening of the 15th inst. Preached three sermons and received sisters Levina S. Stout into fellowship in the Brethren Church. On Sunday we attended German Baptist Meeting conducted by Elder A. L. Bauman, who preached us an excellent sermon on the subject of forgiveness. Brother B. extended to us a courtesy never before extended to us since our separation from the German Baptist church. He invited me to take part in his meeting which of course I heartily accepted. It made us think of olden times and that division was indeed a dreadful monster. We had a regular old-fashioned Gospel meeting together.—The *Word* only was preached and kindness only prevailed. O ! that progression were treated thus everywhere. All were kind toward me. But now to my heading. Pressing duties at home compel us to lend a deaf ear to kind solicitations by friends here to stay longer. Strong as is my desire to stay, I simply cannot. It is believed by myself and friends here that a week's meeting at this place would result in a sufficient number of members to give us an organization. Sinners are concerned now, and I think some more would unite by relation. The main thing necessary to that end is to disprove the false reports and misrepresentations circulated among the people here by designing men, about the Brethren church. They are the common German Baptist Elder untruths. Will not some of our ministers respond and visit this place and build up the cause here. Openings like this are all over our broad land and the only question now to be solved is "Who will work the field." Perhaps the question could better be solved by meeting in convention. Shall we do so? I have been trying to preach the Gospel nearly twenty five years, at least twenty of which have been spent in frontier work. I am worn out and tired. Circumstances to continue are against me, and with a heavy heart I must say no to entreaties which touch my sympathies unto tears. What minister is ready to say, "Here am I, send me !"

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

McLouth, Jefferson Co., Kans.

From R. Z. Replogle.

The Berlin church began a series of meetings in the Beegley house, on Thursday eve, Nov. 13th, to continue as long as interest and success should warrant. Meetings were small at first but increased so that by Sunday evening we had a full house, and on Monday evening three persons were made willing to "stand up for Jesus" and were baptized on Wednesday. Meanwhile several inches of snow had fallen and the roads became bad as well as the weather, which reduced the audience considerably, but on that (Wednesday) evening the church decided to continue the meeting till about Tuesday following, the 25th inst., and close with a lovefeast. But on Thursday evening I received a telegram to "Come home at once ; Ann (my wife) has typhoid fever," and this of course ended my labors here. The telegram was received just too late to make the train on branch road for Garrett, so as to make night express for home ; consequently my only remedy was to get to Garrett the most convenient way posible, and wait five hours for the express, and while I am waiting I am writing and my feelings are better imagined than described. Is my wife rolling and tossing in delirium, like a deceased brother, another friend, whom I saw pass away from the effects of said fever : or is she but slightly effected, and may I meet her with the accustomed smile and embrace? These are some of the thoughts, but the feelings and anxiety I cannot express, and I can only say may God deal gently with her and me in this affliction. Such is life and how ought we to live therefore so as to be ready to meet sickness, disappointments and trials.

Brother Knepper will continue the meetings over Sunday, I suppose, and I pray God's blessing on his labors and on the Berlin church. May they have a rich feast of love together, and though I will not be present in body I will in spirit, unless there should be such sorrow in store for me, as to demand my all ; and may the tender lambs of the fold be fed and led by those who are older and stronger, so that all may grow in grace and at last reach heaven, is my prayer. Again I say, God bless the Berlin church, and all His people.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

Nov. 20, 1884.

From Brother J. D. McFaden,

DEAR EVANGELIST : I had the pleasure yesterday, Sunday 16th, of baptizing a brother and sister, as the visible results of last week's meeting at Mt. Pleasant. We hope for greater results. Yours in Christ.

J. D. MCFADEN.

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 17th.